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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Michio AIZAWA, ET AL.)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, along with English abstracts.

JP 11-136490 and JP 2000-115327 are mentioned in the specification of this application and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

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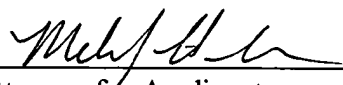
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication, indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		11-136490	5/21/1999	Japan			Abstract
		2000-115327	4/21/2000	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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